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There is a new fad in Paris that may spread to this country. French automobile owners now are naming their cars, just as horses or ships at sea are named. Sometimes the name chosen for the car is fanciful or historic, but more frequently the name of some friend, for it would never do to be seen riding in a car named for some loved person. In the latter instance, the name may be changed overnight should a quarrel occur, for one with whom the owner has had some difference. The new fad is giving plenty of employment to name painters.

A girl may marry the man she loves, but she doesn't always love the man she marries.

When the traveler reached the hill top he waited for happiness, but his cries were drowned in thunder, and lightning blinded him, and he longed for the valley where violets dream for its song-sweet rivers and its peaceful shades. But his friends had prophesied his return, and he had said, "No, by thunder!" But he soon learned to outgrowl thunder, and was extremely unhappy because he couldn't beat the lightning in a running leap.

Apparently nobody wants a railroad strike, which is pretty good reason for believing that there will be none.

New overcoats at Walsh's.

### MICHIGAN TO THE FRONT IN FORESTRY CAMPAIGN

Michigan wants to know just what is what when it comes to increasing her forest supply and the newspapers of that state are behind the movement to start something. The American Forestry Association calls attention to the fact that the Detroit News has sent out a quiz sheet to ascertain just what people think should be done. The Grand Rapids Herald tells how a trade extension tour brought to the attention of Grand Rapids business men the miles of unproductive forest land in the state.

The St. Clair Republican says that we have heard about forests "since Hector was a pup" but are "we going to continue to crucify the press of the United States upon the cross of paper package goods and go back to the hammer and stone chisel for education?" Added to this the Sault Ste. Marie News says, "Mr. Pack speaks truly when he says that idle land in this country must be put to work and the quicker the voice of the people is heard in this connection the better for all concerned."

In quoting the New York Financial Chronicle the Tawas City Herald points out that "the gospel of forestry and reforestation is not a matter of times and seasons; it is for all times and all seasons."

Hearings in the Snell-McCormick forest policy bill are scheduled for the week of January 9. As the American Forestry Association says, demand action of your congressman and put the \$1,000,000 acres of idle land suitable for growing trees to work.

Everybody is reconciled to the fact that women will wear what they choose. The only complaint is they don't choose enough of it, but after all that's their business.

A thirty-year-old girl can dress like she was 16 and fool a man. But she never fools a woman.

### American Legion News

A nation-wide scheme for the sale of articles made by sick and wounded soldiers through their own stores has been proposed to the American Legion Auxiliary by Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, Boston, Mass., wife of the commander of the 26th division, A. E. F. The plan will be discussed at a meeting of auxiliary executives in Indianapolis January 18, 19 and 20. In the plan, the handwork of the disabled would be sold in principal towns and cities in stores established and operated along lines of women's exchanges. Women dependents of the disabled also would there dispose of their home products. The plan would make the disabled self-supporting and not patronized by charity, its leaders declare.

American Education Week will be observed, with programs similar to those of December 4-10, according to the Americanism commission of the American Legion. The commission, with the National Educational Association, directed the initial movement.

Roused over the reports of relatives that a soldier's body had been so jammed into a cheap casket that it was with difficulty removed for proper burial, the American Legion of New Jersey is making a thorough investigation of such practices.

A hero yesterday—broke and jobless today, Sergeant Carl Naef, who made a sensational but unsuccessful attempt to capture Grover Bergdoll, draft evader, in Germany, has been taken in charge by the American Legion of New York. His only assets upon returning from Germany consisted of a police dog.

A resolution unanimously endorsing Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, has been adopted by the Des Moines, Iowa, Trades and Labor Assembly. "He has always been fair to the purposes that organized labor stands for, and we convey our hearty congratulations to the legion for securing him as commander," the resolution reads.

More than 3,000 veterans of the world war now suffering from tuberculosis are without proper care or hospitalization in the state of New York, according to William F. Deegan, commander of the New York department of the American Legion, who has just completed a survey through legion posts of the state.

The first American Legion building financed exclusively through the sale of municipal bonds is that now under construction at South Pasadena, Cal. The building, which is to be of the bungalow type, will stand in American Legion Park, a public park of South Pasadena.

There is not one jobless ex-service man in Louisiana, the American Legion Employment Bureau of that state having found work for every veteran seeking employment.

Maple Leaf Post, American Legion, Seattle, Wash., composed of British "Tommys," has officially adopted Hanford MacNider, national commander of the legion, into the circle of "jolly fine chaps." Mr. MacNider recently visited the post and shook hands with 300 members.

U. S. army tanks of the type that waddled over the Hindenburg line and ex-soldiers who fought on the line have combined in Duluth, Minn., to furnish Christmas trees for children of the city. The American Legion is supplying jobless ex-service men to do the cutting. Tanks and trucks haul them to a central location where the legion is selling them, the proceeds going toward a merry Christmas for the unemployed and their dependents.

Employment projects ranging from land reclamation schemes to the working of a gold mine in Missouri have been submitted to the American Legion's national unemployment council. Milton D. Campbell, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been appointed as chairman of the council which will meet early in January at the legion's national headquarters, Indianapolis, to draft remedial measures for the winter.

Religious factions in American Legion posts have been severely condemned by Hanford MacNider, of Iowa, national commander of the organization. Speaking at Portland, Oregon, Mr. MacNider declared that religion "is between a man and his God," and that the person who would bring religious differences into the legion activities, "is not worthy of membership. This country was founded because of religious intolerance in others. The Protest-



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The alleged statement of Victor J. Miller, president of the police commissioners of St. Louis, that 70 per cent of the present day criminals are ex-service men, has caused the American Legion of that city to request his dismissal from office.

SAY, BOYS, GIVE US LESS LATIN

One of the things we don't understand is why statesmen, who are elected to their jobs by the people, insist on using words at highly important public conferences which most of us don't readily understand.

Take that armament conference. The public, the mass of the people, down to the less educated of us, are millions of times more interested in that meeting, its deliberations and its results than are the men who are participating in it, no matter how great they are, or think they are. Every so often you hear Briand or Balfour or Hughes or some other fellow speak of "the last plenary session."

"Plenary" nothing! Plenary means "full, complete." Why not say the "last complete session?" Why use words that fuddle folks or drive 'em to a dictionary?

Then there is the word "agenda," which they love to roll around under their tongues at the conference. No

doubt it is a Latin word—probably a derivative of the word "ago, to treat, to discuss"—but there isn't one of us fifty everyday folks that numbers Latin among our accomplishments.

If diplomats responsible to peoples must have a lingo of their own, let 'em speak it among themselves in their secret sessions, of which you may be sure there are plenty at Washington nowadays, notwithstanding the American government's efforts at publicity.

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